

Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment
Application No. 09/942,991

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

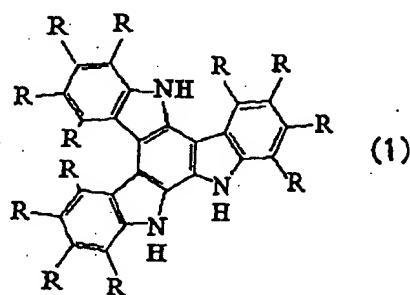
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A batterycharge storage device having an active material of an electrode comprising a trimer compound comprising three units of indole or indole derivatives in condensed ring form, wherein the second position and the third position of each unit form a six-membered ring, and a proton which can be utilized as a charge carrier of the trimer compound.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The batterycharge storage device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the receipt and release of electrons in accordance with the oxidation-reduction reaction of the trimer compound are carried out only by the bonding and elimination of the proton bonded to the trimer compound.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The batterycharge storage device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the trimer compound is represented by the following general formula(1):



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wherein each R represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent, independently.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The batterycharge storage device as claimed in Claim 1 comprising an electrode containing 30 wt% to 95 wt% of the trimer compound.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The batterycharge storage device as claimed in Claim 1 comprising a solution containing $^{10-3}$ mol/l to 18 mol/l of proton as the electrolyte.

Claims 6-10 (Canceled)

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A batterycharge storage device comprising:
a first electrode with a first electrode active material;
a second electrode with a second electrode active material; and
an electrolyte intermediate between the first electrode and the second electrode, the electrolyte including a proton source material;

wherein the first electrode active material and the second electrode active material undergo a reversible oxidation-reduction reaction, and

both or one of the first and second electrode active materials comprise a trimer compound comprising three units of indole or indole derivatives in condensed ring form, wherein the second position and the third position of each unit form a six-membered ring.

Claim 12. (Canceled)

Claim 13. (New) The charge storage device of claim 1, wherein said charge storage device is a secondary battery.

Claim 14. (New) The charge storage device of claim 1, wherein said charge storage device is a capacitor.

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Claim 15. (New) The charge storage device of claim 11, wherein said charge storage device is a secondary battery.

Claim 16. (New) The charge storage device of claim 11, wherein said charge storage device is a capacitor.